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| H64024 | SLT PLUS DECOR CREW | \$60,405 | \$40,909* | 28G - 3.0L DIESEL | BRILLIANT BLACK | Halifax Chrysler |
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| S64010 | SLT PLUS DECOR CREW | \$60,375 | \$39,997* | 28G-8SPD 3.0L DIESEL | MAXIMUM STEEL | Steele Chrysler |
| S91203 | SLT PLUS DECOR CREW | \$60,355 | \$39,977* | 28G-8SPD 3.0L DIESEL | BRILLIANT BLACK | Steele Chrysler |
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Teachers seek a safe space

DIVERSITY

Educators often fear discussion of their LGBTQ status: Advocate



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Daniel Blinn says the "sinking feeling" of being singled out as a gay teacher happens regularly in Halifax, and feels changes must be made so people feel safe speaking up.

Blinn, 37, graduates this month as valedictorian in his Master of Education class at Mount Saint Vincent University — where, he said, his studies will help him better advocate for LGBTQ school staff and students who feel they can't be themselves.

"You might want to be very careful with your queerness because you don't want to be the one who is causing problems," Blinn said Thursday.

Although he's always been supported by colleagues, Blinn said it's comments from students "on a regular basis" that create a hostile environment for some teachers.

He's been in a co-workers class, Blinn said, glancing at the teacher's family portrait when a student called out "you looking at his kids?"

Blinn said he's been asked personal questions about his sex life, such as "does it hurt?" in reference to anal sex. When he has come to a class to ask for a certain student, Blinn



Daniel Blinn has started up a gay-straight alliance group for LGBTQ teachers. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Teachers don't feel safe a lot of times working in the public school system. Daniel Blinn

added, he hears, "Make sure to bring him back."

"Off-the-cuff comments are very much related to pedophilia," Blinn said.

"It's a very sinking feeling ... It's scary, and if you're early in your career and there's no real policies that you feel are protecting queer teachers, you might not bring that to your

administration. You might sort of just take that and bottle it in and feel unsafe."

Even in 2005 when Blinn was teaching in Yarmouth, he turned down a high-school student's interest in launching a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) because he was worried about getting a good reference.

It was only after a school

board member assured him starting the GSA wouldn't affect his career that Blinn agreed to go ahead. Since then, Blinn said, he's started GSAs in Dartmouth junior highs like Ellenvale and John Martin, where he's now a guidance counsellor.

Helping queer students is a rewarding part of his job, Blinn said, and it's helped him realize that LGBTQ teachers needed their own place. That led him to co-found the Metro Teachers' GSA.

Blinn said about 25 to 30

educators, identifying as both queer and allies, meet three times a year to share stories and advocate for change. They'd like to see specific hiring policies protecting queer teachers, and a position in the education department responsible for the equity of LGBTQ staff and students. That person could also research any mistreatment or discrimination.

Blinn delivers his valedictory address during the 2 p.m. MSVU convocation ceremony on Nov. 6.

FOOD SECURITY

Group has sweet idea



Jen Taplin
For Metro | Halifax

Cupboards overflowing with Halloween leftovers?

While gorging on treats for a few days is heaven, the goodies need to go after a while.

You may want to donate them to Feed Nova Scotia, says executive director Nick Jennery. He said the organization will take treats as long as they are in unopened packages.

"For the most part we're here to help people with main meal components but there are number of shelters we support that they really do welcome snacks," Jennery said.

Some people donate leftover candy and chips, but most Halloween donations to Feed Nova Scotia come from manufacturers and grocery stores, he said.

Many people would assume Feed Nova Scotia would want only healthy food, but Jennery said the group uses pretty much everything.

"We're always wanting and needing particular foods that make a main meal so we're big into perishables, anything of a protein nature, canned vegetables and canned meat," he said.

When Feed Nova Scotia ships out donated items to food banks, shelters and food programs, it tries to make sure they are balanced meals.

"Some people feel we'll give you some of the luxury items because people who are hungry can't afford them but really what they need are the basic components of what you need for a main meal," he said.

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DALHOUSIE

Sexual assault line shuts over funding



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A phone line for sexual assault survivors at Dalhousie University has ended — in part because the student union didn't raise its half of the funding needed to match the school's offer.

The Sexual Assault and Harassment Phone Line, run by the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU), ran from September to April last year, 24 hours a day. The university gave \$30,000 in funding, half of the expected annual cost of the program, which ended up actually running to \$45,000 for the year.

It received 57 total calls, according to an external service review obtained by Metro through a Freedom of Information request, 17 of which were considered "legitimate."

Dalhousie Student Union vice president internal, Rhianon Makohoniuk, said she disagrees with the "legitimate" designation, since even the 17 hangups showed people knew about the service and might speak in future.

"Even if there's one call, that's important," Makohoniuk said.

The line ran into issues in September when the DSU announced that Dalhousie offered "inadequate" funding. Organizers hoped to expand the service from one staff member to two and add more volunteer training and outreach by spending \$60,000.

At the time, the DSU said it could run the program for \$45,000 again, and asked for at least \$30,000 from the school.

The university offered a total of \$22,500 — \$15,000 in new funding, and the \$7,500 theoretically left over from last year.

Dalhousie's vice-provost student affairs, Arig al Shaibah, said in September the school was "committing to the same level of funding that was agreed to in the first year."

Theoretically, this would have allowed the line to continue at the same level as the pilot year which cost \$45,000, had the other half been raised by the DSU as in the original agreement — but Makohoniuk told Metro in September the DSU rejected the funding due to "contingents" and said the line would be operated by the union alone on reduced hours until Nov. 3.

On Thursday, Makohoniuk said for the first time the DSU couldn't use the money offered by Dalhousie this fall because it was contingent "on us putting forward the other part," meaning the other \$22,500.

Besides the university, the review showed the DSU's line was funded last year by the King's Student's Union, other local unions, and Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG) initiatives.

When asked why they weren't able to gather their half of the money this fall, Makohoniuk said the DSU was "limited in funding" and operated on a yearly budget set by the previous executive — so there wasn't "\$45,000 lying around."

After questioning whether it would have required \$22,500, Makohoniuk said "it would depend on what we wanted to do with the service."

Besides the funding issues, Makohoniuk said, the DSU was concerned about the university asking to be more involved with volunteer training and the phone line in general, because it was important the program was "student-run."



Even if there is one call, that's important.

Rhianon Makohoniuk



Christopher Daniel J. Scullino is escorted from the Halifax provincial courthouse on Thursday. Scullino didn't appear and is scheduled to be in court on Friday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Pride's ex-vice chair charged with fraud

JUSTICE

Festival hopes to 'move on' from loss of \$16K in 2013



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Halifax Pride is happy to put the incident behind them after the organization's former vice chair was arrested and brought back to Halifax on three-year-old fraud charges.

"We're hoping now that we can bring this to a close and our community can move forward and find closure from the

incident," Pride board member Ellen Davis said in an interview.

Christopher Daniel J. Scullino, 30, was accused of taking more than \$16,000 from Pride and depositing it into his personal bank account in September 2013.

An arrest warrant was issued for Scullino in May of 2014, and he was arrested on Wednesday in Brockville, Ont. Police then brought him back to Halifax, and he was scheduled to be arraigned in provincial court on Thursday on charges of fraud over \$5,000, theft over \$5,000, and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

Davis said Scullino stole the \$16,000 through automated online ticket sales, which were new to Pride in 2013.

"After the ticket sales closed, last minute before it was deposited to Halifax Pride's bank account, Mr. Scullino changed it to his own personal bank account and deposited all the ticket sales money into his own and left the province," she said.

Scullino was a hard man to track down after that.

"We kept an eye on him, and we've been in contact with other agencies and we were advised where he was in On-

tario, and we made the trip up," said police spokeswoman Const. Dianne Woodworth on Thursday.

Davis said Pride has since strengthened its economic processes.

"Not only with this incident, but because Pride is experiencing such rapid growth that these new procedures and policies for accountability needed to be put in," she said.

"Since 2013, Pride has improved and strengthened its monitoring of the way we automatically sell tickets. And also, we have an external bookkeeper now who manages and monitors all of Pride's accounts and financial activities to make sure that everyone in the organization is held accountable."



We're hoping now that we can bring this to a close.

Ellen Davis, Pride Halifax

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Behind the cosplaying scene

COSTUMES

Taking a deeper look at the culture of this growing hobby



Jeff Harper
Metro | Halifax

For geeks like me, Hal-Con weekend is like early Christmas.

I've been documenting people dressed up at Hal-Con basically since its inception, but this year I wanted to go behind the scenes of cosplay, to see what makes adults spend hundreds of hours on their outfits.

Former leather worker Mark Currie got the idea to dress up for the first time at last year's event.

"When my son was younger I thought it would be a great place to meet some other kids, but it was funny because it was mostly adults that were there," said Currie on Wednesday evening as he was putting the finishing touches on his costume at his Bedford home. "So I figured — this looks like a blast — all the other people are dressed up so I might as well too, and put my skills to use."

His costume — a steampunk themed "Special Air Service Rocketeer" — is of his own invention, made from bits of objects found at discount stores.

"There's plumbing bits, there's some sort of bathroom thing there, a bread container, a pasta can, there's an olive oil dispenser that is actually the nozzle for the rocket," he explained. "Actually a guy at work found this big conduit sticking out of the ground near some garbage dump and pulled it out of the ground, (saying) 'Geez Mark might be able to use that.' In fact I did."

Currie also helped flush out a costume for his son Logan, a character from Tokyo Ghoul manga fame. I was surprised



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I just love going for its atmosphere, that kind of if you're different, you're accepted kind of vibe.

Logan Currie

at the level of fine detail in both outfits.

"I just love going for its atmosphere, that kind of if you're different you're accepted kind of vibe that Hal-Con has ... if you're not in costume you're the weird one of the group," quipped Logan. "It's fun to look at everyone else and see what they have, and also show off my dad's work."



1 Logan and Mark Currie get suited up after putting the finishing touches on their costumes.

2 Mark Currie is a former leather worker, and now puts his skills to use creating his and his son's costumes for Hal-Con.

3 Mark Currie shines up the gun portion of his steampunk themed "Special Air Service Rocketeer" costume. ALL PHOTOS JEFF HARPER/METRO

CONVENTIONS

Geeks rev your engines: Here comes Hal-Con



Jen Taplin
For Metro | Halifax

With visits from Harry Potter and Game of Thrones actress Natalia Tena, Star Trek's Dr. Beverly Crusher (Gates McFadden)

and many others, this year's Hal-Con will blow the roofs off the World Trade and Convention Centre and the Scotiabank Centre.

"We never know until we close the doors on Sunday but we're expecting around 8,600 to 8,700 people," said Joni Mat-

tall, spokeswoman for Hal-Con. Since 2010, the convention has grown and had to change venues several times to accommodate the crowds.

"We're just hemmed in by our space at this point," Mat-tall said. "We took over the Scotiabank Centre to expand

and now we're out of room."

Organizers try to make sure there is something for everyone, she said. There are panels on a variety of subjects, an entire floor for gaming, live theatre, swordplay demonstrations, costume contests and a lot more.

"And we have our first car

this year," Mat-tall said. "It's a car dressed up to look like one of the cars from Supernatural."

Organizers are cautious with their capacity numbers but Mat-tall said she's looking forward to an even bigger space in the new convention centre next year.

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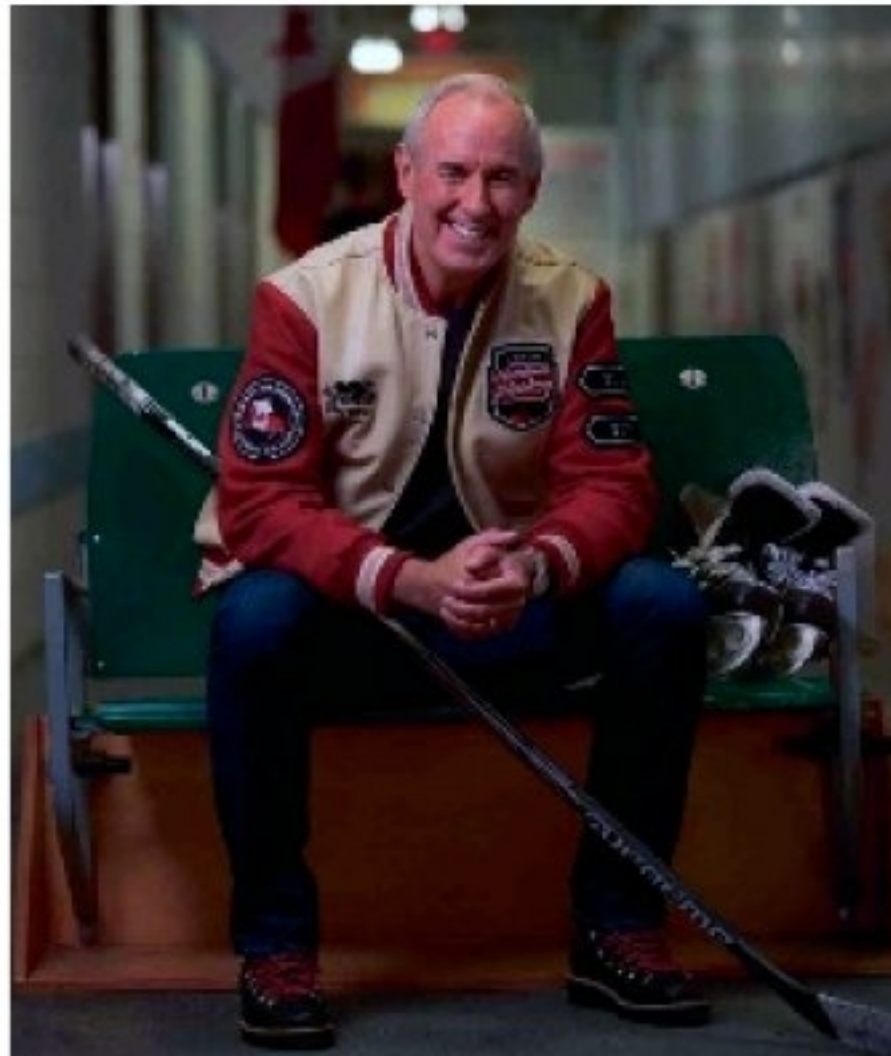
1 Toopy and Binoo

Popular sing-song duo Toopy and Binoo are live in Halifax with Sunday shows at 1 and 4 p.m. Music, theatre, dance, puppetry and multimedia technology all come together for a live "musical extravaganza." Tickets are \$30 in advance at the Dalhousie Arts Centre box office or online via www.sonicconcerts.com. Tickets not required for children under 2.



2 The Happy Prince

This original local production based on the short story by Oscar Wilde tells the story of a poignant friendship between a swallow and the gold statue of a young prince. The 60-minute ballet features 24 dancers from the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts and includes music from Beethoven, Rimsky-Korsakov, Dvorak and Corelli. Sunday performances at Halifax's Spatz Theatre are at 1 and 4 p.m. www.tickethalifax.com.



3 Hometown Hockey Tour

The cross-country hockey fan festival featuring Hockey Night in Canada's Ron MacLean (above) comes to town this weekend, kicking off at Dartmouth's Alderney Landing at noon on Saturday. Family-friendly programming and activities are planned all weekend long. Pick up a virtual autograph, meet some former NHLers over the two days including Jean-Sebastien Giguere and Cam Russell, and be prepared to cheer for your local minor hockey teams in the Cheer Like Never Before contest. For a full schedule of events, visit www.hometownhockey.com.



4 The Cemetery Club

This is the first weekend for the Bedford Players' latest stage performance. Cemetery Club was a Broadway production also made into a film. The Bedford group brings it to the stage from Thursday to Nov. 19. "Three Jewish widows meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands' graves," is how the description starts. The story continues when one of the widows has a budding romance quashed by her two friends. Tickets are \$17 each. Information on show times and tickets can be found online, www.bedfordplayers.ca.

5 Christmas at the Forum

If visions of sugar plums already are dancing in your head, you might want to attend the 39th annual Christmas at the Forum this weekend. A wide array of vendors offering crafts, food, art and antiques will take over the Halifax Forum complex. The event runs Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.christmasattheforum.com.



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Teachers ask for mediator

LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS

Government to launch ad campaign over dispute

The union representing Nova Scotia's public school teachers took the next step in an increasingly fractious contract dispute Thursday, asking the provincial labour minister to appoint a mediator in an effort to stave off job action early next month.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union announced via Twitter late in the day that president

Liette Doucet had asked Labour Minister Kelly Regan to appoint a mediator to handle the dispute.

There was no immediate response from the government.

The union's request came shortly after Premier Stephen McNeil announced the launch of a government advertising campaign to explain its position in the simmering impasse.

McNeil said the campaign will include a series of Liberal party-funded and government-funded ads, saying that he had personally voiced a party ad the day before.

The party ads are television and Facebook videos that are scheduled to run next week.

After weeks of a more concilia-

tory tone by the government, the move appears to mark a shift in the government's approach in a dispute where teachers can take strike action as early as Dec. 3.

There were no details on how much the campaign would cost, but McNeil said the government has a responsibility to communicate with the public.

Opposition Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said the ad campaign shows the premier is more interested in "saving his own political skin" than solving the contract impasse.

"If he has money for (government) ads then he has money to improve the classroom," said Baillie. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ LEGISLATURE

Home well-drilling program expanded after drought

A summer dry spell that affected thousands of people in southwestern Nova Scotia has prompted the province to allow municipalities to create a program to help pay the cost of drilling or expanding wells. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Study backs Halifax port over new proposals

A provincial report says Nova Scotia should focus on promoting the port of Halifax rather than proposed container facilities in the Strait of Canso and Sydney because the new entrants may water down existing traffic.

The \$80,000 report was paid for by ACOA and Nova Scotia's Department of Transportation.

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ANALYSIS

Keeping the score on PM's promises

Ryan Tumilty
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One year since he became prime minister and Justin Trudeau has fulfilled some of his promises, is still working on many and has broken others, according to an independent, non-partisan



Justin Trudeau THE CANADIAN PRESS

website that has been tracking his progress.

Calgary-based IT consultant Dom Bernard and some of his colleagues built the website www.trudeau metre.ca, which tracks what the prime minister has done compared to his promises.

Trudeau made 219 promises during last year's marathon federal election campaign, according to the website. The Trudeau Metre shows the prime minister achieved 34 of those promises as of Thursday. The site shows 64 promises are still in progress, 95 haven't been started yet and 26 have been broken.

Many of the individual promises have generated lengthy discussions in the comment section of the website and Bernard said that's exactly what they hoped.

HEALTH

Liquid fentanyl found by police a 'game-changer'

A police force in Ontario is revamping the way officers handle street drugs after learning that a substance seized during a drug raid was liquid fentanyl, a highly powerful opioid that can be easily absorbed through the skin.

Hamilton police Det. Const. Adam Brown said he and other officers came across a vial of the drug during a raid in May, but at the time they believed it contained GHB — also known as a date-rape drug.

Police sent a sample of the suspected GHB to Health Canada for testing and the results showed it was actually liquid fentanyl.

"I was never afraid that if I got a little of this stuff on my skin that I would ever be worried about death — that was never a concern for me, now it is," Brown said. "It's a complete game-changer for us and it's scary because you don't know what concentration this is."

Liquid fentanyl is believed to be more powerful than the powder form of the drug, which is believed to have led to more than 1,000 fentanyl-related deaths across the country, although Canada lacks a central database with up-to-date numbers of overdose deaths. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Eli Townsend, 6, dresses like presidential candidate Donald Trump at a rally on Thursday. Some Canadians say Trump would provide a potent antidote to what they view as a march toward self-serving big government. GETTY IMAGES

The Canadians who want Trump to win

★ U.S. ELECTION ★

Supporters of GOP candidate in minority countrywide

They don't always like what they see or hear but Canadians hoping Donald Trump becomes the next U.S. president believe him to be a straight shooter that will bring economic benefits to Canada in

a world severely circumscribed by political correctness.

A President Trump, they say, would provide a potent antidote to what they view as a march toward self-serving big government whose benefactors are moneyed elites.

"A lot of good honest blue-collar people were really thrown under the bus by the elite," said Daniel Erikson, 38, a Calgary businessman.

Trump would provide a strong counterweight to the Liberal government in Ottawa and the NDP government in Alberta that has

pushed the economy "almost to the breaking point," Erikson said.

Inevitably, conversations with Trump supporters in Canada turn to an often palpable hostility toward his Democrat rival, Hillary Clinton.

Andrew Stagg, 31, a Toronto-born Canadian software engineer who lived most of his life in Calgary, said his antipathy toward Clinton stems from his Christian-based opposition to abortion, and the email and other scandals that have dogged her.

Clinton also poses a threat to gun rights, said Stagg, who now

lives in the U.S. On the other hand, he said, Trump has committed to appointing judges who favour those rights.

The vast majority would back Clinton, a position Manny Montenegro, a one-time adviser to former Conservative prime minister Stephen Harper, said left him "dumbfounded."

Win or lose next week, few can argue with the fact Trump has run a remarkable campaign that catapulted him from a long-shot contender for the Republican nomination to possible president. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The politics of abortion

Rosemary Westwood relocates from Canada to the United States in the midst of the most unusual presidential election ever. She chronicles her observations in a weekly column for Metro.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.



A week before the U.S. presidential election, I visited the New Orleans Planned Parenthood clinic.

It sits nestled between residential streets, and along a wide, four-lane city artery. The new facility (updated from more humble digs in a shotgun house) opened in spring, and it's friendly, clean, and oddly quiet.

It was a Tuesday, so the regular pro-life Friday protesters weren't around, one clinic worker told me. Another group had just finished a biblical-sounding "40 Days of Harassment," she said. "That's what they called it." Patients coming here for sexual and reproductive health care weren't bothered by the daily signs and blocking of the driveway, she added. "They say, 'Those people need a job.'"

Planned Parenthood in Louisiana — which has one other clinic in the state capital of Baton Rouge — doesn't offer abortions (yet, it has plans to apply for the required license).

And other clinics that do perform the procedure have been through a legal see-saw over the past two years, facing one of the proliferating restrictive laws in the Southern U.S. (in this case, one relating to doctors and hospital admitting privileges). The law shuttered some clinics this spring, before the Supreme Court temporarily blocked it in March.

But given Planned Parenthood's prominent role in this election, the protests against a procedure not even being performed at the clinic here make a kind of sense. Planned Parenthood, and Hillary Clinton, have become the most public banner-wavers for abortion rights. And Donald Trump the ill-in-



The Planned Parenthood Action Council holds a rally at the Utah state Capitol, in Salt Lake City. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

formed, gruesome critic.

Trump's macabre description of a late-term abortion procedure that doesn't even exist during the final presidential debate was only the ghastly tip of a much larger iceberg. Abortion isn't just

a boogeyman of the right wing. It's a legitimately stigmatized, divisive issue in this country. The kind of issue that brings Trump back to the traditional right wing, the kind of issue some voters have told reporters will

be the reason they plug their nose and vote for Trump.

For example, while millennials across the political spectrum skew more progressive on issues of race, sexuality, and immigration, they remain divided on abortion, according to the Pew Research Centre. (And — notably — on gun rights.)

The U.S. is increasingly a country of less socially conservative voters, but 41 per cent of American adults continue to believe abortion should be illegal, a statistic largely unchanged for decades. And in Louisiana, it's a political given.

John Bel Edwards, the state's democratic governor (still quite a feat), has been so vocal about his pro-life stance, he's actually won an award for it. He signed the new law that the Supreme Court saw fit to put on hold, of a similar nature to the one struck down this year in Texas, and he signed an-

other law requiring women to wait three days before they can get an abortion. (Women here already have to see a doctor and get an ultrasound 24 hours before a procedure.)

There might have been a Hillary sticker on a car in the Planned Parenthood parking lot, but this is Trump land. Right next door, a pro-life group plans to open its third Louisiana "pregnancy centre" in January, which promises it can "reverse" the effects of the abortion pill midway through the dosage.

That might sound like fringe political efforts to a Canadian, but in America, anti-abortion politics is mainstream. And the election might seem contentious just days away from voters heading to the polls, but if Louisiana had its way, we'd be waking up on Wednesday morning to President Donald Trump.

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Early votes good sign for Clinton

Hillary Clinton may not be accumulating the type of early-vote advantage her campaign wanted, but she continues to maintain an apparent edge over Donald Trump, with more than one-quarter of all expected ballots cast in the 2016 election.

The Democrat's campaign once hoped to bank substantial votes from Democrats in North Carolina and Florida before Elec-

tion Day. But data about the early vote suggest she's not doing as well as President Barack Obama in 2012.

Ballot requests from likely supporters have been weak in parts of the Midwest, and African-American turnout has fallen, too.

Still, the tens of millions of early votes cast also point to strength from Democratic-leaning Latino voters. With more than half the

votes already cast in those states, Democrats are matching if not exceeding their successful 2012 pace.

"We are seeing the trajectory of the election change in some states, but Democrats are also making up ground," said Michael McDonald, a University of Florida professor and expert in voter turnout.

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At current carbon emission levels, the Arctic will likely be free of sea ice in September around mid-century, which could make weather even more extreme. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Study links sea ice to carbon dioxide

CLIMATE CHANGE

'It might just be rather simple,' says scientist

New research is cutting through the confusion on disappearing Arctic sea ice by replacing complex computer models with simple math that links everyday activities to the health of Earth's climate regulator.

"It might just be rather simple," said Julianne Stroeve, senior scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Colorado and professor at University College London.

Her paper, published Thursday in *Science* magazine, outlines an easy-to-understand relationship between increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and the slow vanishing of summer sea ice in the North.

For every new tonne of CO₂ that enters the atmosphere, says the paper, the southern edge of

the sea ice loses another three square metres. That's it.

The direct relationship between greenhouse gases and sea-ice retreat has been pointed out before. Stroeve and her co-author Dirk Notz, of Germany's Max Planck Institute, have put

"We are all ice-dependent species."

Julianne Stroeve

hard numbers to it and explained how it works.

In a stable ice pack, the warming effect of infrared radiation generated by the sun is balanced by cold temperatures in the atmosphere. But increasing levels of carbon dioxide prevent those infrared rays from escaping into space.

As a result, the ice retreats northward where there's less

solar radiation.

"The ice is migrating to re-establish equilibrium," said Stroeve.

Establishing that hard link between CO₂ and sea ice has important consequences.

For years, climate modellers have attempted to pinpoint when summer sea ice is likely to disappear. Stroeve and Notz say the most likely date is sometime around mid-century. That date is important for any number of reasons.

A seasonally open Arctic would ease northern shipping and resource development. It would be catastrophic for plants and animals that live on sea ice, as well as for the people who depend on them.

It would also have unknown consequences for climate around the world. Sea ice is often referred to as the Earth's air-conditioning unit and it has been linked to the behaviour of the jet stream, which influences rainfall, drought and extreme instances of both. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IRAQ

Civilians struggle to flee urban combat

As Iraqi forces pushed Daesh militants out of Mosul's eastern neighbourhoods this week, hundreds of civilians faced a dilemma: stay in an area still beset by heavy fighting and surrounded by government troops that many distrust, or evacuate for the uncertainty of a displacement camp.

The elite special forces entered the Gogjali district Tuesday, touching off an exodus by hundreds of residents, many herding sheep, cows and goats as they fled to the east.

But still more have been told by the troops to stay in their homes as the battle is changing to one of urban combat with the extremists. Those civilians who remain have essentially become

trapped on the front lines. One resident said he had tried to flee, as the edges of his district were still getting shelled heavily by Daesh, but Iraqi security forces told him he had to stay.

"Everyone here is trapped in this situation. They're afraid," said the man, who asked not to be identified.

On Thursday, an explosives-laden vehicle sped toward the special forces positioned in Gogjali, Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhl said. The troops fired a rocket that blew up the car, killing the attacker. Fadhl also said the militants were using explosives-laden drones, deploying two since the previous night, both of which had been destroyed.

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Iraqi families fleeing the violence in Mosul on Thursday head to camps housing displaced people. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



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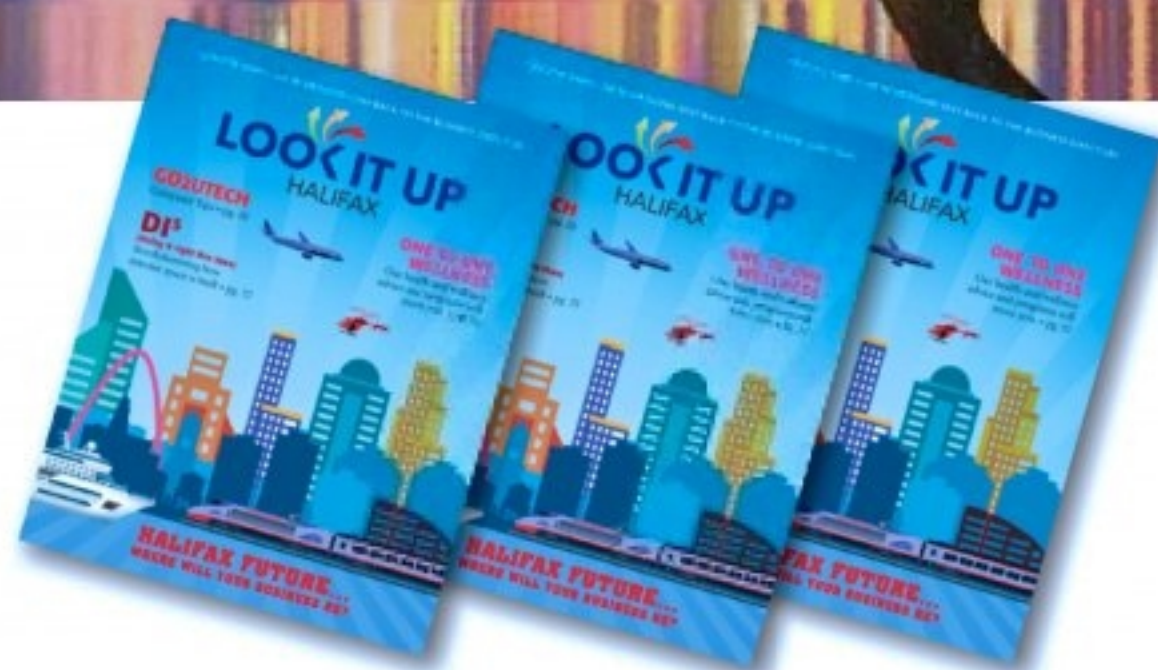
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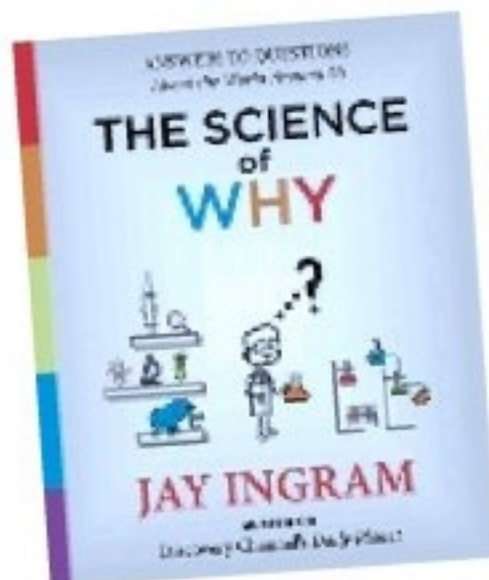


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BOOK EXCERPT THE SCIENCE OF WHY BY JAY INGRAM



With our respected citizen scientist working on other projects this week, Metro has turned to former **Daily Planet** host **Jay Ingram** to explain time and aging to us. What follows is an excerpt from his new book, **The Science of Why: Answers to Questions About the World Around Us** (Simon & Schuster Canada).

WHY DOES TIME SEEM TO SPEED UP AS WE AGE?

There's no doubt that the vast majority of people feel that time moves faster as they age, but very few of them bother to estimate by how much.

A century ago the great American psychologist William James suggested that as we grow older, and more jaded and worldly, we enjoy fewer remarkable experiences in a year, and so the years become less and less distinct from each other. Another theory suggests that because each successive year is a smaller percentage of one's overall life, it is less significant when weighed against the rest and therefore passes by virtually unnoticed. When you were ten, every year was huge: 10 percent of your life. At age forty, though, one year is only 2.5 percent of your total life.

There's also a phenomenon called forward telescoping. Imagine you're asked when you last saw your aunt and you say, "Uh... three years ago?" when it's actually eight years since you saw her. You've zoomed in time, bringing the past closer than it really is. When someone asks me how long ago an event took place, I double my first estimate, and even then I sometimes underestimate the passage of time. That's forward telescoping.

In the mid-1970s (remember how slowly time passed then?), Robert Lemlich of the University of Cincinnati proposed one significant adjustment to the idea of the apparent passage of time versus reality. He argued that since time is all subjective anyway, years are also subjective. Calculating what percentage of your total life is represented by each passing year is fine, but it's strictly mathematical and so doesn't take into account that each passing year feels shorter as well — it is a smaller part of your total life numerically,



but it feels even less than that. It's all in your head, really, so your estimate of the length of a year that has just passed should be compared not to how long you've lived but to your sense of how long you've lived.

Lemlich created equations to quantify what he meant. Their implications are surprising, even shocking. Let's assume you are a forty-year-old. Lemlich calculated that time would seem to be passing by twice as fast now as it did when you were ten. (Remember how long summer vacation seemed to last?)

But there's more: the numbers tell you that if you're that forty-year-old and you're going to live to eighty, you're halfway through your life by the calendar, but because time seems to be passing ever more rapidly, Lemlich's math suggests you will feel you have less time left than you actually do. By his calculations, at age forty, you have already lived — subjectively — 71 percent of your life. It gets worse: by the time you're sixty, even though you have twenty years remaining, those twenty years will feel like a mere 13 percent of

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50 per cent of your total life experience will feel locked in by your 20th birthday.

your life. These numbers are shocking enough, but they take on an even more bizarre twist when you extrapolate them back and ask the question: At what point in our lives have we experienced half of our subjective life? If you're that forty-year-old, you will have experienced half your total subjective life by the time you were twenty. Even if you live to a hundred, 50 percent of your total life experience will feel locked in by your twentieth birthday.

Lemlich backed up his numbers with experiments. He asked a group of students and adults to estimate how much slower time seemed to have passed when they were either half or one-quarter their present age. His theory predicted the answers almost exactly: time seemed to have passed only half as fast when

they were one-quarter their present age, and about two-thirds as fast when they were half their present age.

Is something else going on in our brains that would change our perception of the passage of time as we age? It might be that our internal clock (and jet lag and shift work demonstrate just how crucial that clock is) runs slower as we age. If your clock now estimates a minute to be three minutes, because it's running slower, then many more events will be packed into that time frame and it will seem that time is passing faster.

An extreme example is the case of a man who, at the age of sixty-six, was admitted to hospital in Düsseldorf. Examination revealed a tumor in the left frontal lobe of his brain. He'd gone to the hospital because he was finding life unbearable: everything was happening at breakneck speed. He had to stop his car by the side of the road because the traffic was too fast. The television, already manic, was triple-maniac, and as a result of this experience, he had begun to withdraw from society. When asked to

estimate the passage of sixty seconds, it took him four and a half minutes. Imagine what traffic would look like if four minutes' worth was packed into a minute! What this case suggests is that disruptions to certain parts of the brain alter our perception of the passing of time, and while this particular case was unusual, it's possible that a gradual and minor version of this affects everyone's sense of time passing.

You might be wondering why we're spending time (it's precious!) figuring out equations to account for how we experience time. This kind of data supports what might otherwise seem to be mere impressions like this one by Robert Southey, the poet laureate of England in 1837: "Live as long as you may, the first twenty years are the longest half of your life. They appear so while they are passing; they seem to have been so when we look back on them; and they take up more room in our memory than all the years that succeed them."

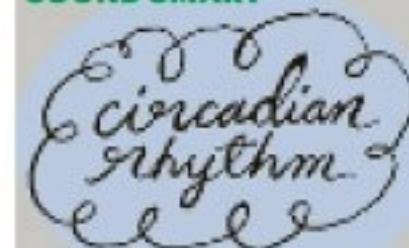
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FINDINGS Your week in science

NOVEMBER BLUES

A new Danish study of 185,419 patients found depression cases spike by eight per cent during the month after daylight savings time begins. Less exposure to cheer-inducing sunshine may be to blame: Most people are showering, not taking advantage of daylight, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

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Not so strange for Dr. McAdams

IN FOCUS

Actress preps for medical role long before Marvel

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



In an unconscious way Rachel McAdams has been preparing to play Dr. Christine Palmer in Doctor Strange her whole life.

"My mother is a nurse," says the London, Ont.-born actress. "She is a very compassionate kind of nurse and Christine is sort of that way as a doctor. She has an excellent bedside manner as opposed to Doctor Strange. I took a page from my mom."

"I've been talking to her about it for my whole life. She brought her job home sometimes. I picked it up over the years."

Doctor Strange, the 14th film in the Marvel Universe, aims to introduce you to the neurosurgeon, played by Benedict Cumberbatch, who goes from saving lives to saving planets.

Trauma surgeon Dr. Palmer is his ex-girlfriend but still a constant in his life, and later, when things get mystical, his anchor to the real world.

"It's a much less typical love trajectory," she says of their connection. "I think because we had so few scenes to establish our relationship it was a better jumping-off point. We had a



Rachel McAdams, left, and Benedict Cumberbatch in a scene from Marvel's Doctor Strange. JAY MAIDMENT/DISNEY/MARVEL VIA AP

lot more subterranean life and a much richer history for the characters."

In the comic books Christine Palmer is a very different person than the one McAdams brings to life on the screen.

"She is an amalgamation of a couple of characters," she says. "It gave us a lot of creative freedom. We were inventing something."

"I kind of looked at the comic books more for the flavour of the world and Doctor Strange him-

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Doctor Strange ★★★★★
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self and less so for my character."

McAdams's nurse mother may have helped the actress access the emotional side of playing a doctor, but what about the prac-

tical stuff, like tying a suture?

"This great neurosurgeon we had on set with us taught us how to sew up a raw turkey breast," she laughs. "I guess it's the clos-

est thing to a real live human being, poor turkey. Then I used oranges, which were easier to carry in my purse. Better smell too. I also had a fake head to practice on."

"It was kind of like knitting. I would take the suture stuff around, put it on a light stand while we were shooting and practice. I still have sutures on my doorknobs. I haven't gotten around to cutting them off yet."

The result of all her work is a movie she calls "an ambitious

film on the page that I think ticks a lot of those boxes people are hoping for when they go see a big, blow-out Marvel film. There's also a quiet deep emotion that runs through it."

"I find it hard to get swept away by a film I am in," she adds, "because I look at it differently, but I actually jumped at one point in my own scene. My friends were laughing. 'You knew that was coming!' I know, but I was wrapped up in it."



Samira Wiley's character, Poussey Washington, had a violent death in prison on Orange is the New Black. JOJO WHILDEN/NETFLIX

DIVERSITY

Report says TV is failing queer women

A record number of gay characters are featured on broadcast series, but small-screen shows overall can be deadly for the female ones, according to a study released Thursday.

More than 25 lesbian and bisexual female characters died on scripted broadcast, cable and streaming series this year, the media advocacy group GLAAD found in its report on small-screen diversity.

While TV remains far ahead of film in gay representations, the medium "failed queer women this year" by continuing the "harmful 'bury your gays' trope," the report said.

The violent deaths included characters Poussey Washington (played by Samira Wiley on Orange is the New Black) and Bea Smith (Danielle Cormack on Wentworth).

It's part of a decade-long pattern in which gay or transgender characters are killed to further a straight character's story line, GLAAD said, sending what it called the "dangerous" message that gay people are disposable.

For its annual report titled Where We Are on TV, researchers tallied the LGBTQ characters seen or set to be portrayed in the period from June 2016 to

May 2017. Counts were based on series airing or announced and for which casting has been confirmed.

Broadcast TV includes the highest percentage of regularly appearing gay characters — 4.8 per cent — since gay rights organization GLAAD began its count 21 years ago. Among nearly 900 series regular characters on ABC, CBS, CW, Fox and NBC, 43 characters are LGBTQ, up from 35 last season.

Streamed shows included 65 regular and recurring LGBTQ characters, up six from last season. Lesbians, including characters on One Mississippi

and Orange is the New Black, account for the majority of characters, 43 per cent, a far higher share than on broadcast or cable.

Cable series held steady with 142 regular and recurring LGBTQ characters, with a five per cent increase in the number of gay men, but a two per cent drop in the number of lesbian characters depicted.

The number of transgender characters in regular or recurring appearances on all platforms has more than doubled from last season, from seven to 16.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Robinson takes a dramatic film turn

ACTING

Funny guy stars in Morris From America

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Craig Robinson may have finally grown fed up with being funny.

It's not that the actor, known primarily for comedic turns in television shows like *The Office* or such big-screen hits as *Hot Tub Time Machine*, is no longer funny himself. In fact, the Chicago-born talent is naturally good-natured even as he discusses a new desire for dramatic roles.

"There is so much room to breathe on the dramatic side. You get to take your time a little bit more. Comedy is like get in there — get in, get out," said Robinson during a recent interview to promote *Morris From America*, the new film that is earning him accolades for a more measured performance.

"It's been nice, man. I'm



Craig Robinson, known primarily for his roles in comedy films and television shows, plays a widowed father in the new drama *Morris from America*. CONTRIBUTED

really looking forward to really losing myself to the next dramatic character."

Morris From America may not be a staunch drama, but the indie film definitely fea-

tures darker elements and an unorthodox tone for a comedy. A simple coming-of-age tale about an American teenager and his widowed father living in their adopted German town

focuses less on madcap antics involving culture disparity and language mix-ups and more on the melodrama of human connection and prejudice.

"People ask what do you

MOVIES

The Next Adventure

Robinson is currently filming a 10-episode series called *Caraoke Showdown* where he picks up unsuspecting contestants who discover they're on a game show. "Just imagine *Cash Cab* mixed with *James Corden*," said Robinson.

Not Too Different

"I was intrigued by the challenges that the script presented," said Robinson of *Morris From America*. "I wanted something a little different but not too different. Because there's some comedy in there but also some heart."

On Mr. Robot

After seeing Robinson in a preview for *Morris From America*, *Mr. Robot* creator Sam Esmail gave the actor a recurring role in the hit series last season.

want people to take away from this movie and that's exactly what I say — we're all on the same team," said Robinson. "We can do much more when we work together; one thing I really liked about my character (was) he doesn't let the small things get in the way of the big things."

Neither did Robinson in taking on *Morris*. Although he didn't speak a word of German prior to the movie, the star overcame his fears and

embraced a chance to study the Deutschland dialect.

"I don't know how long it took (but) I knew I wanted to get it down," recalled Robinson. The 45-year-old admits "getting a taste" of a more dramatic challenge has left him wanting more.

"I am looking for stuff a little different that really stands out and really showcases things I can do," said Robinson. "And things that I don't know I can do yet."

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SLUGLINE

Trolling in a positive way

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Anyone who grew up in the 1970s will remember *The Trolls*. The vinyl creatures with DayGlo Eraserhead coifs and big goofy smiles invaded pop culture.

Unlike modern-day Internet trolls, these creatures were joyful, hug-happy little things with more personality than your average Pet Rock and a ubiquity that made them one of the symbols of a kinder and gentler time.

Then they, like other '70s fads such as disco music, streakers and *Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific* shampoo, faded into obscurity, banished forever to the retro section of your local junk shop.

Now they're back in *Trolls*, an animated adventure from the makers of *Shrek Forever After* and *Mr. Peabody & Sherman* that aims to spread some cheer amid a fraught election season. Co-director Walt Dohrn says he hopes the film's message of optimism in the face of adversity will be "an antidote to the madness of the world."

"When Walt and I set out to make this film," says co-director Mike Mitchell, "we did want to make a film about happiness because the news and the media is so scary. And not just for kids,



The new animated adventure, *Trolls*, comes from the makers of *Shrek Forever After*. CONTRIBUTED

adults too."

"The world is kind of a difficult and dark place," adds Dohrn, "so putting something out there that talked about happiness, where it comes from, what happens when you lose it..."

"...will get people discussing the power of a positive attitude and happiness," says Mitchell, finishing his friend's sentence. "I'm hopeful this will start a trend of, 'It's OK to be happy. It's cool.' Especially with this clowny, weird election going on."

Trolls the movie is as eye-popping as the psychedelic creatures that inspired it. Mitchell and Dohrn have made a movie that is possibly the weirdest and most colourful kid's entertainment since *H.R. Pufnstuf*. They had the freedom to do so because the beloved 1970s toy *Trolls* came with no backstory.

"That's what was cool about working on this," says Mitchell.

"Even though these *Trolls* had been around forever and ever, there was no story, no mythology to it, so Walt and I got to make a whole world. We could create a whole new world you've never seen before, create whole new characters."

They created a realm where the *Trolls* (voiced by Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Zooey Deschanel, Russell Brand, James Corden and Gwen Stefani) make a daring escape from the Troll Tree in Bergen Town. The Bergens are snaggletooth ogres, as miserable as the *Trolls* are joyful. True happiness for the glum townies only comes from eating *Trolls*, obviously a huge problem for our heroes.

"Walt and I are huge fans of old fairy tales," says Mitchell on the inclusion of the Troll-eating Bergens, "and those stories always had someone going down, having their heart taken out."

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1 DOCTOR STRANGE

Played by: Benedict Cumberbatch

Origin: More than 50 years after debuting in comic book form, physician Stephen Strange finally shows movie audiences how a tragic car accident propelled him to study the world of alternate dimensions and become a master sorcerer.

Special powers: Strange has an uncanny repertoire that includes everything from teleportation to thought projection and even time travel.



2 GANDALF

Played by: Ian McKellan

Origin: Perhaps the most iconic sorcerer in cinema, Lord of the Rings' Gandalf the Grey was sent to Middle-Earth to bring a bunch of stubby hobbits together to find and destroy a powerful ring.

Special powers: Guided by a walking staff that expedites various spells, he often uses it to cast illumination or blind his enemies. He's also been known to slam the staff down to ward off foes, famously crying out, "You shall not pass!"



3 BALTHAZAR BLAKE

Played by: Nicolas Cage

Origin: As one of Merlin's most gifted students, Blake searched for a century before reluctantly finding a pupil of his own — albeit a very awkward one — in 2010's *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*.

Special powers: Although he's proficient in sorcery, Blake's greatest skill may be an enduring patience in training an inept, clumsy physics geek in the guise of Jay Baruchel.



4 HARRY POTTER

Played by: Daniel Radcliffe

Origin: An orphan who learns he's a wizard by blood, Harry Potter sets out over eight movies to study sorcery at Hogwarts School in order to fulfil his destiny.

Special powers: Besides being a heck of a Quidditch player, Harry displays a fantastic flair for broomstick-flying and possesses the most powerful magical wand in the wizarding world.



5 WILLOW UFGOOD

Played by: Warwick Davis

Origin: More of a stargazer than a sorcerer, the title character from 1988's cult-classic *Willow* may be adept at sleight-of-hand magic but he aspires to become a sorcerer when he's forced on a quest to save a baby from an evil queen.

Special powers: Not many. While trying to transform an ally back into human form, he fails several times, instead morphing her into everything from a goat to an ostrich.

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and analysis. And because this is the smart, cool kids' party, there will be games like political bingo and trivia to score rad public radio swag. \$20, 7 p.m., 44 Charlton St., thegreenspace.org

Headcount's Soundtrack to History

That ominous drumbeat that's been following us around for 18 months just won't do on Nov. 8. At Brooklyn Bowl, Everyone's Orchestra is bringing together nine of the city's most politically attuned musicians from bands like Big Gigantic and Disco Biscuits for a night-long jam session that "interprets" the results, which you can watch roll in on every screen at the venue.

\$25-\$250, 8 p.m., 61 Wythe Ave., Brooklyn, brooklynbowl.com

Election Night at Village Pourhouse

Like the closing minutes of an eBay auction, this election cycle has only gotten more intense the closer we get to the finish line. Take out your frustrations at Village Pourhouse by swinging at Trump or Clinton pinatas for a chance at prizes like a free tanning session (at least it won't turn you orange), plus take your own battle-royale pics in masks of both candidates. Specialty cocktails include the Donald Drumpf and Secret Server, all just \$8 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Free, 64 Third Ave., villagepourhouse.com

Put it on ice

Wolf Blitzer's holograms have

nothing on The Rink at Rockefeller Center, which will become Democracy Plaza with a map of the U.S. projected onto the ice and painted with light as states turn blue or red for the candidates. Watch the action from a front-row seat inside the (heated) Rock Center Café, where TVs will also be showing the election coverage, with cocktails inspired by the candidate of your choice (plus the Undecided, all \$12) and a \$39 three-course prix-fixe campaign-themed dinner. Free, 20 W. 50th St., rockcenter-cafe.com

Election Night at Professor Thom's

The candidates won't be the only ones winning on election night at Professor Thom's. Head upstairs for all the election action you can eat and

drink: Every time a state is called, the wheel of specials will spin to reward all in attendance with a new deal, like BOGO drinks and 25-cent wings.

Free, 219 Second Ave., professorthoms.com

Political Sub-versities

Between a hip-hop improv troupe, a social-justice comedian, a mentalist and the associate editor of Reductress, someone is bound to have an opinion on every moment of the night. This impromptu evening of fun at Littlefield brings together a lineup of unconventional observers to turn election night into the political party of the year. \$10-\$15, 7 p.m., 622 Degraw St., Brooklyn

Election 2016 Viewing Party: The Apocalypse!

We've certainly had our differences this campaign season, so set them aside at The Hill. Networking guru David Shapiro wants everyone to toast the end of the acrimonious campaign while meeting some new people over good food, specials, an election-themed drinking game and raffle prizes in the bar's upstairs lounge. Insults will cost you a drink for the person you got snippy with, so be cool and enjoy specialty cocktails like The Combover after grabbing your free beer, wine or well drink included in the ticket price. \$10, 416 Third Ave., 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., eventbrite.com



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They'll never walk alone

ENGLAND

Liverpool's independent scene comes together

Tamara Hinson
For Torstar News Service

There's no denying Liverpool One has everything you could want in a city. Liverpool's massive retail and entertainment complex has bars full of soccer players celebrating bulging pay packets, glossy department stores and packed nightclubs.

But dig a little deeper and you'll find a blossoming independent scene. It's one with less bearded, full-sleeved hipsters than similar scenes in other U.K. cities and more of a shout-it-out-loud passion for independent, grassroots enterprise.

And it's a scene which owes its success to friends David Williams and Oliver Press.

"The fourth Tesco and third



In Liverpool, street art can be found on the walls and parking spaces alike. TAMARA HINSON/FOR METRO

Costa Coffee had opened within a square mile of where we lived," recalls Williams, a 25-year-old born-and-bred Liverpudlian. "We had to do something."

The pair started a blog about

Liverpool's independent businesses, and, in 2013, they launched Independent Liverpool, where members sign up for an Independent Liverpool card that provides access to discounts at 100 (and growing) local, independent businesses.

"What we love about Liver-

pool's independent scene is that it's not pretentious," Williams explains. "It's exploded in the last five years and every week there's something innovative happening. It's always been a city of rule breakers and risk takers, and this creates the perfect environment for an independent

scene to thrive."

In the Baltic Triangle, Hipster-filled cafés squeeze alongside grimy warehouses (and I mean warehouses in the true sense — not ones converted into nightclubs or bars or coffee shops). But I found a few gems, including the Hobo Kiosk. I noticed this tiny second-hand store because of the wooden chair attached to the outside wall, metres off the ground. Inside, I found haphazardly-stacked piles of rare teen annuals dating back to the '60s, lovingly polished vintage sweet tins and fantastically kitsch homeware.

Unlike the Baltic Triangle, the nearby Ropewalks area's ascension to coolness is definitely complete.

"The Ropewalks is Liverpool's independent mecca," Williams tells me. "It represents Liverpool's past, present and future and radiates the buzz of the city."

So-called because it was once home to the ropemakers whose main business came from the ships calling in at Liverpool's docks, the area comprises several long, straight streets adjacent to each other. Legend states they

were designed this way because the tradesmen needed to lay out their lengths of rope.

The streets are filled with independent businesses: galleries, bookshops and record stores. One of my favourites is Leaf on Bold Street. Inside the spacious, airy café, a huge light installation declares: "Where there's tea there's hope."

It's incredibly homely, with frilly lampshades, enormous sofas and a menu listing 60 types of tea. Homemade cakes are displayed under ornate glass lids.

One afternoon, I take a shortcut and find myself staring at an enormous mural — a smiling woman rising up out of a fish-filled expanse of water. It covers the entire side of a building which faces onto a car park.

But my companion then points out another piece of street art. Every single one of the car parking spaces has been personalized, with names — Earl, Betty, Bob and Iris, to name a few — painted neatly in bright white paint.

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Cubs' future looks bright

MLB

World Series champs turn attention to title repeat

No more Lovable Losers. Forget those curses, too.

The Chicago Cubs ended decades of heartache and futility by beating the Cleveland Indians for their first championship since 1908. And that means for the first time in 108 years, the Cubs can — get this — turn their attention toward a championship repeat.

They finally wiped out baseball's longest title drought early Thursday in Cleveland when third baseman Kris Bryant fielded Michael Martinez's grounder off Mike Montgomery and threw to Anthony Rizzo at first, closing out an epic Game 7 of the World Series against the Indians.

That set off a celebration more than a century in the making in Chicago. It was still going on Thursday afternoon. Fans jammed the sidewalks outside Wrigley Field taking pictures under the famed marquee, which read "WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS."

"We're in the books," Rizzo said. "We're in history forever. This team is brothers forever

no matter what."

World Series favourites from the start, the Cubs spent almost the entire season in first place on the way to a 103-58 record — their highest win total since the 1910 team with 104.

They beat the playoff-tested San Francisco Giants in the NLDS. They shook off back-to-back shutout losses and a 2-1 deficit against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLCS to capture their first pennant in 71 years.

They topped it all off when they became the first team since the 1985 Kansas City Royals to overcome a 3-1 deficit to win the title. And now, that World Series W flies.

As the Cubs turn their attention toward a championship

repeat, here are some things to know:

ON THE MARKET

The Cubs will have to pay up if they want to keep their closer. That's because Chapman has an expiring contract and figures to become baseball's richest reliever. If Chapman signs with another team, the Cubs could go back to Hector Rondon as their closer.

MORE DECISIONS

Centre-fielder and leadoff hitter Dexter Fowler plans to become a free agent.

Fowler told ESPN on Thursday night that he will exercise a \$5-million buyout clause rather than a \$9-million mutual option and test the market. He said he is not ruling out another return to Chicago.

He boosted his stock this season by hitting .276 with a .393 on-base percentage.

YOUTH SERVED

Don't expect the Cubs to fade any time soon. Not with a young core. MVP candidates Bryant and Rizzo are 24 and 27, respectively. Shortstop Addison Russell is 22. Second baseman Javier Baez and catcher Willson Contreras are 24. All had big moments in the post-season, and all are under team control through at least 2021. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many of the Cubs' core players, including second baseman Javier Baez, left, and shortstop Addison Russell, are under team control through at least 2021. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



IN BRIEF

Chicago's celebratory parade set for Friday

The city of Chicago plans to honour its World Series champion Cubs with a parade and rally on Friday.

The celebration will start about 10 a.m. when the official parade leaves Wrigley Field for downtown Chicago.

Chicago beat Cleveland 8-7 in Game 7.

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Murray relishes feat

Die-hard Cubs fan Bill Murray has finally been rewarded for his allegiance to the team.

The Chicago native, who has served as a sort of team mascot, celebrated the World Series victory by swigging champagne with players in the Cubs' clubhouse and telling reporters trying to interview him to "relax a bit" before dousing the group with bubbly.

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Slugger **Kyle Schwarber**, 23, could be in a battle for playing time in left field with the likes of Ben Zobrist and Jorge Soler.



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Stroll-ing into the big time without a licence

MOTORSPORT

Quebecer, 18, will become 2nd-youngest F1 driver ever

He doesn't yet have his regular road driver's licence, but 18-year-old Quebecer Lance Stroll was named Thursday to the Williams lineup for the 2017 FIA Formula One World Championship.

Stroll will be the youngest driver in F1 racing next year and the first Canadian on the grid since 1997 world champion Jacques Villeneuve left F1 a decade ago. He will replace the retiring Felipe Massa to team up with Finnish driver Valtteri Bottas.

Stroll dominated this year's Formula Three championship, winning the series by more than 100 points.

"I want to look at it like I'm starting from zero again," Stroll told reporters during a news conference in England. "What happened this year happened this year."

"I'm going to have to learn a lot of new things for next season," he added. "I'm a rookie; I'm going to make mistakes, going to learn in many areas and I'm looking forward to that."

Stroll, who becomes the



Lance Stroll joined the Williams Formula One ranks on Thursday. ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

sport's youngest driver since Max Verstappen made his debut last year at 17, said he would like to get his regular road permit before the first race of the season.

Claire Williams, deputy team principal of Williams Formula One racing team, told reporters Stroll "is the full package for us."

"When we're looking at choosing a race driver, he has everything," she said. "He has the talent in the cockpit, he's intelligent, he gives great feedback to the engineers."

Francois Dumontier, pro-

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Lance Stroll

moter of the Canadian Grand Prix, said there are three key moments in Canadian auto racing: 1978 when Gilles Villeneuve entered F1 competition;

the arrival of his son Jacques in 1996; and Stroll's debut in 2017. "It's also interesting to note that it was the Williams team that gave Jacques Villeneuve his first shot at F1 and for whom he won the championship," Dumontier said in a statement.

Dumontier added Williams has a special relationship with Montreal. Alan Jones won the Canadian Grand Prix there in 1980 to give the team its first constructors title.

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NFL

Matthews in line for Packers return

Clay Matthews appears ready to return to the field for the Green Bay Packers, after the long-haired linebacker sat out another game with a hamstring injury.

Matthews was just a spectator for last week's loss in Atlanta. The decision was made out of an abundance of caution, especially given the Packers will play straight through the end of the regular season without a break following an early bye week.

"I think we didn't want a setback moving forward," Matthews said after practice on Thursday. "Obviously I feel much better



Clay Matthews
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this week and feel good about what we've done thus far in the week. So, all indications are pointing to me being out there on Sunday."

If Matthews plays against Indianapolis on Sunday, he could have a big day against the Colts and their questionable offensive line. Andrew Luck was sacked six times last week by the Kansas City Chiefs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

United lose to Fenerbahce

Manchester United's attacking issues continued as it lost to Fenerbahce 2-1 in the Europa League on Thursday, leaving it at risk of a group-stage exit.

United beat Fenerbahce 4-1 at Old Trafford a fortnight ago, but Jose Mourinho's side failed to convert a glut of possession into goals.

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Record fine for Penn State

The U.S. Department of Education has hit Penn State with a record \$2.4-million fine for violating a law that requires colleges and universities to report campus crimes and

warn people if their safety is threatened. The fine was the result of how Penn State officials handled complaints about ex-assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky before he was charged in 2011 with child molestation.

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Harvard bans men's soccer

Harvard University is suspending its men's soccer team for the season over sexual comments made about members of the women's soccer team.

University President Drew Faust said an investigation into the 2012 team found that their comments weren't isolated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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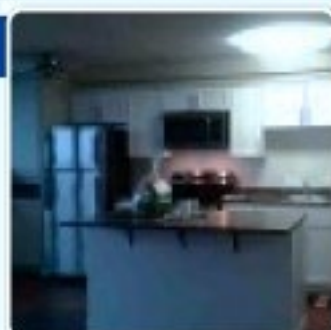
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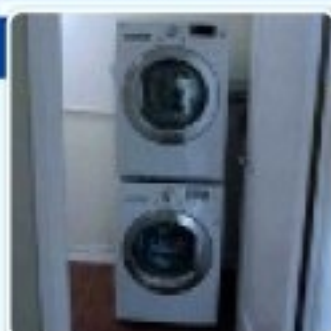
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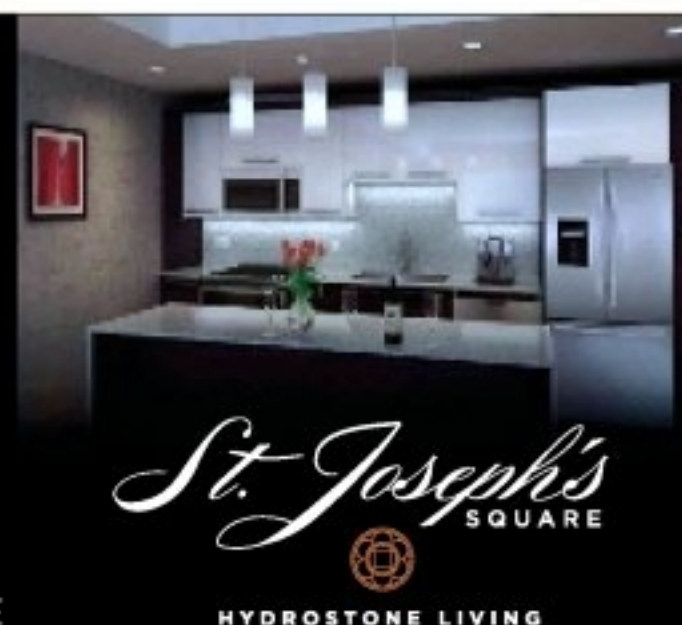
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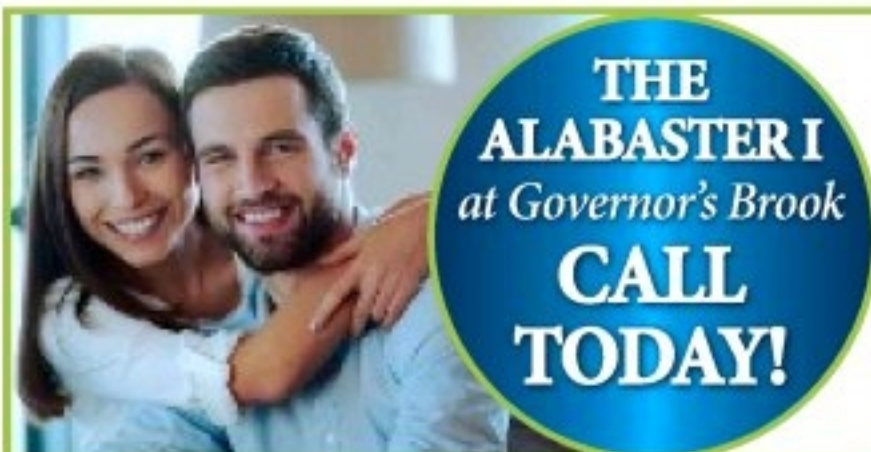
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- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1/4 cup pumpkin purée

Directions

1. Preheat your waffle iron.

2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, salt and cardamom. Stir in milk, butter-milk, eggs, oil and maple syrup. Mix in pumpkin.

3. Coat waffle iron with oil or nonstick spray; repeat if necessary between batches. Follow the waffle iron's instructions for cooking.

Ready in 15 minutes

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups spelt flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground cardamom
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup buttermilk

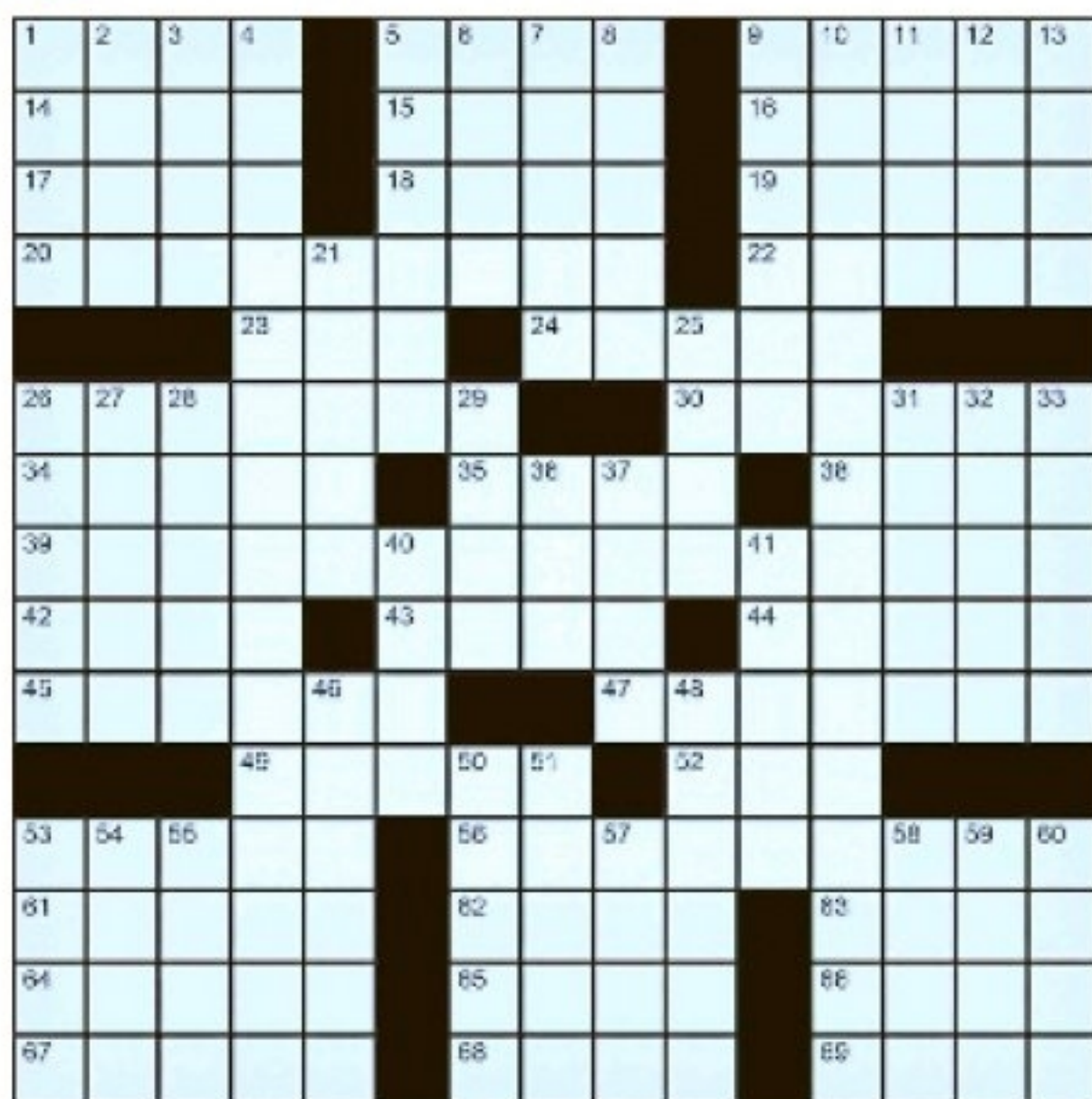
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ACROSS

- Put on ___ (Become shirted)
- "Cast Away" (2000) transport
- Will ___ (Ladner, British Columbia born actor ...more at #39-Across!)
- Extinct bird
- Folky Mr. Guthrie
- More right-sounding
- Seed covering
- Circle meas.
- Payment proofs, puny-ly
- Prime Minister William Lyon ___ King (b.1874 - d.1950)
- "___ be expected..." (No big surprises)
- 'Lemon' suffix
- Ms. Lake of showbiz
- Prospector's lucrative discovery: 2 wds.
- Alcove
- "The Kid ___ Tonite" by Loverboy
- Susan Aglukark's "___ Na Ho (Celebration)"
- Nero's 152
- 2012 comedy in which #9-Across' character was curly: 3 wds.
- 1896 A.E. Housman poem, ___ Athlete Dying Young
- L'___ aux Meadows (Newfoundland attraction)
- Discharges
- Pressure
- Smokey sight
- "Hallelujah" by



- Leonard ___
- Director Mr. Grosbard
- Schmoes
- "How's the agenda looking after this?": 2 wds.
- Love poetry Muse
- "Before ___ you go..."

- (One more thing...)
- "Woe ___"
- Clown in the opera Pagliacci
- Roman ruler
- ___ Highway
- Commuter's payment
- Smile
- Cravings

DOWN

- Rock star Mr. Duritz
- Afghanistan's ___ Bora
- Relating to lyric poetry
- Fozzie Bear's fashion accessory on "The Muppet Show": 3 wds.

- Sketch star Gilda
- Tucson, ___
- Decorative dash
- Oscar-winner Marisa
- Union action
- For example... Carcross or Wrigley or Bathurst Inlet: 2 wds.
- Informally dines

- Cobblestone
- Approximate-ly: 2 wds.
- Mother on "All in the Family"
- 'Demo' suffix
- Brad's of Hollywood
- "Give it ___!" (Try!)
- "The Beverly Hillbillies" theme song closer: "Y'all come back now, ___?"
- So
- Port ___ Ontario
- Seven, in Spain
- Ms. Spacek
- 'Loon' add-ons (Canuck dollars)
- Itsy-bitsy bit of a min.
- Foolhardy
- Trompe l'___ (Visual illusions)
- "Must you leave ___?" (Can't you stay a bit longer?)
- Lauren or Timothy
- Bobby or Pam on "Dallas"
- Vancouver Canuck, e.g.
- The Blackhearts singer Joan
- Slangy suffix to 'Stink'
- Grade
- Prefix to 'ferous' (Conveying air)
- 'Convul' suffix (Recuperate)
- Comics: Wolverine, for one
- Money... Twenty = Two ___

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Surprise opportunities to travel will fall in your lap today. Act fast, because this window of opportunity is brief.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you can benefit from the wealth and resources of others. If someone offers you something like a gift or a favor — take it. You deserve it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Someone close to you might make an unusual suggestion to do something different. Why not say "yes"? You are a curious sign and love to learn anything new and unusual.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Unexpected praise or a raise might delight you at work today. Something positive will happen. Be prepared to act on it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Surprise invitations to social events will please you today. Likewise, an unexpected flirtation could make your heart go pitter-patter.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Surprise company might drop by today. Or you might spontaneously decide to entertain at home. Be on the lookout for unexpected real-estate opportunities.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Spontaneous short trips and chances to see new places and meet new faces will please you today. One thing is certain — it's not a boring day!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Unexpected opportunities to boost your income exist today. This might be a new job or ways to make money on the side. You also might buy something for yourself that is artistic, modern or high tech.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Because this is a good time to shop for wardrobe items, you might suddenly discover something you really like. Likewise, a social invitation will please you. T

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something hidden or behind the scenes will please you today. It will be like a treat that you did not expect to encounter. You'll feel younger and excited.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A friend will do or say something that catches you off guard today, but you will like it. Some of you will meet someone new.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You might develop a crush on your boss today. Or possibly, someone in authority will say something positive about you. This is a good day to ask for permission for something unusual.

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